

UTILITY WORKER

DEFINITION

Under supervision, performs a variety of semi-skilled duties in the installation and maintenance of water and sewer facilities; does related work as required.

DISTINGUISHING CHARACTERISTICS

Positions assigned to this class perform a variety of semi-skilled tasks requiring a limited knowledge of water and sewer facility installation and maintenance activities. The duties assigned include physical labor and are frequently routine, but are more difficult or skilled than work performed by Laborers; work is normally performed under the supervision of a supervisor or Utility Leader. The operation of various types of light and moderately heavy automotive or other power-driven equipment as a regular assignment is characteristic of this class.

EXAMPLES OF DUTIES - Duties may include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Assists in the installation, cleaning and repair of water lines, water services connections, meters, valves, sanitary sewer lines and other related facilities.
2. Cuts, threads, and assembles pipes, makes new water service connections, installing meters and boxes and tapping main lines.
3. Assists in locating and repairing leaks or breaks in water lines or sanitary sewer lines.
4. Participates in the inspection, cleaning and flushing of water lines or sanitary sewer lines.
5. Investigates and clears stoppage of sewer lines, performs heavy physical labor, digs trenches, back-fillings or any other manual labor necessary to complete a job.
6. Fills out valve locator cards and makes field maps showing locations.
7. Uses pipe locator for tracing pipe routes.
8. Paints pipe location marks on streets for excavation purposes.
9. May perform leak detection as directed.

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10. Operates trucks, uses hand or pneumatic tools and maintenance equipment including loader, root cutting equipment, rodding machines, flushers and CCTV equipment.
11. Operates light power-driven equipment such as compressors, jackhammers, tampers and concrete saw.
12. Perform related duties as assigned.

QUALIFICATIONS

Knowledge of:

- A. Basic methods, materials and equipment used in laying or repairing pipe connections and clearing stoppages.
- B. Operation and use of light and moderately heavy automotive or other power-driven equipment used in the installation, maintenance and repair of water or sewer lines.
- C. Uses, purposes and maintenance of hand tools.
- D. Proper handling of sewer spillage.

Ability to:

- D. Perform a variety of semi-skilled tasks in the installation and repair of water or sewer lines.
- E. Use hand and power tools.
- F. Understand and follow oral and written directions.
- G. Follow established safety procedures.
- H. Work with diverse groups of people.
- I. Work alone or as a member of a team.
- J. Operate skillfully a variety of light and moderately heavy power-driven equipment.
- K. Communicate with the public in a public relations capacity.
- L. Perform heavy physical labor.

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Qualifications (continued):

M. Read water and sewer maps.

EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING

Any combination equivalent to experience and training that could likely provide the required knowledge and abilities would be qualifying. A typical way to obtain the knowledge and abilities would be:

Experience:

One (1) year of experience in the construction and maintenance of water or sewer facilities.

Training:

Equivalent to completion of the eight grade.

LICENSE

Possess upon appointment a valid Class B California Driver's License. Depending upon assignment, Tanker Endorsement or a Class A Driver's License may be required.

PROBATIONARY PERIOD:

372CS94

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AAP GROUP: 18

FLSA STATUS: Non-Exempt

FPPC STATUS: Non-Designated